

Priority: Safety
Program Offer Type: Existing Operating
Related Programs: 50041
Lead Agency: Community Justice
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Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

The Adult Community Service program (CS) assists over 1600 offenders each year who are on bench probation (supervised directly by a judge) to complete their court ordered community service work. The CS program also supports the Community Court program by providing this sentencing alternative.

In addition to monitoring the work hours of bench probation clients, CS works with individuals participating in Project Clean Slate (PCS), a program which converts outstanding financial obligations for minor criminal and/or civil matters to community service work. The CS office interviews PCS participants, assigns them to a community service project, supervises the work, maintains a file for each case and reports back to the Court regarding each participant's compliance.

Program Description

Community Service for Bench Probation and Community Court clients provides a way for them to directly and visibly perform unpaid work and restore the damage done to the community as a result of their actions. These offenders do not have a Probation/Parole Officer (PPO), but report directly to the sentencing Court. These offenders complete their work at public and non-profit agencies.

CS is responsible for coordinating community service work sites, supervising each offender's community service and providing offender status reports to the Courts. Court ordered community service work results in over 20,000 hours of unpaid work benefiting the community each year.

CS screens, assigns and supervises offenders completing their work hours and provides progress reports to the Courts. Last year over 1500 offenders participated in this program which provided approximately \$150,000 in unpaid work provided to the community and a savings of over 3,000 jail beds which could be used for high-risk offenders.

Program Justification

Data shows community sanctions reduce recidivism and enhance public safety (Oregon Department of Corrections, 2002). Community Service supports the safety priority by holding offenders accountable for their actions by the use of evidence-based practices. CS connects offenders to the community, exposing them to positive social values and new work skills.

This program is involved with Project Clean Slate. The collaboration of the two programs allows community members who previously were unable to obtain stable housing, employment and/or financial assistance due to outstanding warrants and court obligations to clear those obstacles. This gives them opportunities for employment, education and housing that previously did not exist.

CS exemplifies cost-efficient cooperation and collaboration between the criminal justice system and public/private agencies. The option of a Community Service sentence provides additional sentencing and sanctioning alternatives to jail. The savings to the county of the Community Service performed is the equivalent of over 3,000 jail bed days that can be reserved for more serious offenders. The work completed by the offenders in the CS program also contributes to a healthy and safe environment.

Performance Measures

| Measure Type | Primary Measure | Previous Year Actual (FY06-07) | Current Year Purchased (FY07-08) | Current Year Estimate (FY07-08) | Next Year Offer (FY08-09) |
|--------------|--|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Output | Annual hours of community service. | 0 | 20,000 | 23,392 | 25,000 |
| Outcome | Annual number of jail beds saved. | 3,734 | 3,570 | 3,460 | 3,750 |
| Output | Annual dollars of unpaid work provided to the community. | 0 | 150,000 | 185,806 | 200,000 |
| Output | Number of participants served annually. | 1,664 | 2,300 | 2,633 | 3,000 |

Performance Measure - Description

Legal/Contractual Obligation

ORS 137.126 to 137.131 authorizes community service as a sentence.

Revenue/Expense Detail

| | Proposed General Fund | Proposed Other Funds | Proposed General Fund | Proposed Other Funds |
|---------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| | 2008 | 2008 | 2009 | 2009 |
| Program Expenses | | | | |
| Personnel | \$282,598 | \$128,431 | \$276,034 | \$0 |
| Materials & Supplies | \$5,390 | \$1,773 | \$2,600 | \$0 |
| Internal Services | \$0 | \$10,469 | \$495 | \$0 |
| Subtotal: Direct Exps: | \$287,988 | \$140,673 | \$279,129 | \$0 |
| Administration | \$25,197 | \$0 | \$14,735 | \$0 |
| Program Support | \$93,105 | \$13,456 | \$59,290 | \$7,797 |
| Subtotal: Other Exps: | \$118,302 | \$13,456 | \$74,025 | \$7,797 |
| Total GF/non-GF: | \$406,290 | \$154,129 | \$353,154 | \$7,797 |
| Program Total: | \$560,419 | | \$360,951 | |
| Program FTE | 4.16 | 1.84 | 4.00 | 0.00 |
| Program Revenues | | | | |
| Indirect for dep't Admin | \$7,487 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Intergovernmental | \$0 | \$140,673 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Program Revenue for Admin | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Total Revenue: | \$7,487 | \$140,673 | \$0 | \$0 |

Explanation of Revenues

County General Fund

Significant Program Changes

✔ **Significantly Changed**

Last year this program was: #50042, Adult Community Service - Community Court & Bench Probation

The Intake for Community Service components of this program offer were moved to offers within the general fund constraint. This remaining offer has been reconfigured.